



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in clinical training in Psychology at Hines. We believe our APA-Accredited program is one of the finest at the internship level.

We are proud of our reputation as a program that produces highly competent graduates ready for entry-level practice in clinical and counseling psychology. Most of our interns move on to one of their highest ranked postdoctoral or employment positions immediately following completion of their doctoral studies and internship.

Training occurs within a very warm and nurturing environment that is conducive to interns' professional growth and to their development of an identity as a clinical or counseling psychologist. Our program is learning – and training-based, as opposed to production-based. Service delivery is subsumed under the interns' training needs and interests. Interns determine, to good measure, their rotations, focusing on their training needs and interests. Intensive supervision and education are program priorities, and our staff is dedicated to training and mentoring interns.

We currently have six interns per class and anticipate having six for our 2010-11 class. We attempt to form a class each year that is characterized by geographic and individual diversity, and we have been successful in this endeavor. We strongly believe that a mix of students from various universities and demographic backgrounds makes for a rich internship training experience.

Our brochure is available on our webpage and provides comprehensive information about our program. The brochure is 95 pages long, so if you would prefer one mailed to you rather than printing one out yourself, feel free to email me at bernie.sladen@va.gov. I will be happy to mail you a copy.

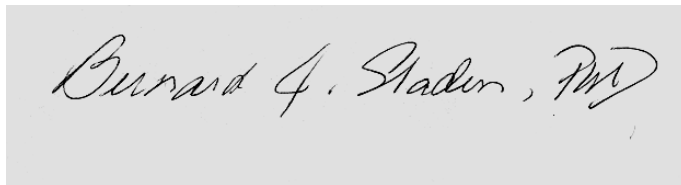
Applicants will be notified by December 15 that they are invited, or not invited, for an interview.

The complete application package must be available on or before November 2, 2009. Please refer to the link on our home page titled "Application Information".

Out-of-town applicants may want to apply early in the event that special travel arrangements must be made for January interviews. Again, please refer to the link on our home page titled "Application Information".

We look forward to your application and to the possibility of meeting you this winter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature reads "Bernard J. Sladen, Ph.D." in a cursive script.

BERNARD J. SLADEN, Ph.D.
Psychology Training Director